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H. R. 5080

To repeal the Postal Service monopoly on first class mail.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 1994

Mr. COX introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the
Committees on Post Office and Civil Service and the Judiciary

A BILL

To repeal the Postal Service monopoly on first class mail.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS**

4 (a) The Postal Service is responding to increasing
5 competition from telecommunications services, electronic
6 mail, fax, computer modems, cellular technology, overnight
7 delivery, and other market competition by seeking a le-
8 gally-granted price increase for its monopoly business of
9 so-called “first class” mail.

10 (b) The normal market response to increased com-
11 petition is price reductions, not price increases.

1 (c) The magnitude of the price increase being sought
2 by the Postal Service is over 10 percent.

3 (d) The hoary arguments against robust competition
4 in the mails have been thoroughly disproved (for example,
5 while the Postal Service claims rural delivery could be cur-
6 tailed as a result of increased competition, it presently re-
7 fuses to deliver to many addresses in the United States;
8 whereas United Parcel Service even now delivers to every
9 address in the United States).

10 (e) Ending the abusive legal monopoly conferred on
11 the Postal Service by the so-called “private express stat-
12 utes” will improve consumer choice and reduce prices.

13 **SEC. 2. MONOPOLY REPEALED**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 6 of title 39, United
15 States Code, and sections 1693 through 1699 of title 18,
16 United States Code, the provisions of law effectively grant-
17 ing the Postal Service a monopoly on first class mail, com-
18 monly referred to as the “private express statutes,” are
19 repealed.

20 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21 (1) TITLE 39, UNITED STATES CODE.—The
22 item relating to chapter 6 in the table of chapters
23 for part I of title 39, United States Code, is re-
24 pealed.

1 (2) TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE.—The
2 items relating to sections 1693 through 1699, re-
3 spectively, in the table of sections for chapter 83 of
4 title 18, United States Code, are repealed.

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